
Introduced by Senator Gaines
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 131—Relative to Diaper Need Awareness Week.

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SCR 131, as introduced, Gaines. Diaper Need Awareness Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of September 8, 2014, to September 14, 2014, inclusive, as Diaper Need Awareness Week and encourage California citizens to donate generously to diaper banks, diaper drives, and those organizations that distribute diapers to families in need.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The people of California recognize that economic
2 opportunity for individuals can lead to improved health for families
3 and their communities; and
4 WHEREAS, Many children in California under three years of
5 age live in low-income households, and 18 percent of all children
6 under 18 years of age in the County of Nevada live in poverty;
7 and
8 WHEREAS, Access to a reliable supply of clean diapers is a
9 necessity for the health and welfare of infants and toddlers, their
10 families, and child and health care providers; and
11 WHEREAS, The average infant or toddler requires an average
12 of 50 diaper changes per week over three years; and
13 WHEREAS, Diapers cannot be bought with CalFresh benefits
14 or Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) vouchers, therefore

1 providing a sufficient supply of diapers can cause economic
2 hardship to needy families; and

3 WHEREAS, A supply of diapers is generally an eligibility
4 requirement for infant and toddlers to participate in childcare
5 programs; and

6 WHEREAS, When infants and toddlers cannot participate in
7 childcare programs, it makes it very difficult for their parents and
8 guardians to participate in the workforce, thereby causing economic
9 harm to many families; and

10 WHEREAS, California is proud to be home to various
11 community organizations that recognize the importance of diapers
12 in helping to provide economic stability for families and distribute
13 diapers to poor families through various channels; now, therefore,
14 be it

15 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
16 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims the week of
17 September 8, 2014, to September 14, 2014, inclusive, as Diaper
18 Need Awareness Week and encourages the citizens of California
19 to donate generously to diaper banks, diaper drives, and those
20 organizations that distribute diapers to families in need to help
21 alleviate diaper need in California; and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
23 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.